of the parties who responded to Neyveli Lignite Corporation's global tender enquiry for the purchase of Spreaders for the second mine expansion project. Initially, M/s. Rheinbraun Consulting had not recommended MAN for short-listing for Spreaders on the ground that they lacked adequate experience of manufacturing Spreaders. However, on the basis of the range and variety of equipment for which MAN had been recommended and had supplied in the past and the fact that M/s. Rheinbraun had qualified MAN for the supply of more sophisticated equipment, NLC decided to keep MAN in the short-list. This decision was concurred in by M/s. Rheinbraun and the West German financing agency, KFW. NLC issued a letter of intent to M/s. MAN of West Germany and their Indian collaborator M/s. W.M.I. Cranes for the supply of 2 Nos. of Spreaders on 10th May, 1986.

Two other parties from West Germany viz., M/s. Mannesmann Demag and M/s. Krupp in collaboration with their Indian associates had initially participated in the tender enquiry. However, at the time of final evaluation of the bids only M/s. MAN and M/s. Mannesmann Demag were under consideration. Final evaluated prices of both these parties are given below. M/s. MAN's offer was lower :—

Name of supplier	Evaluated Bid—December '85 (in Rs. crores)
1. MAN	79.12
2. MANNESMANN DEMAG	80.37

KFW has agreed to extend its loan to cover the foreign exchange expenditure on the import of equipment including Spreaders and services from West Germany for the second mine expansion project. The total loan is estimated to be about DM 430 million.

Collaboration with Japan for setting up of export oriented projects

2529. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any suggestions or proposals have been received from Japan for collaboration with Indian companies in setting up export oriented projects in India;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of the proposals and whether transfer of technology will be undertaken for all such projects; and

(c) what are the names of the major projects and industries which are being considered for collaboration with Japan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The initiative for selection of sources of technology is left to the Indian enterpreneurs. They explore the alternative sources of technology, make a techno-economic analysis of the proposed foreign collaboration and select the foreign collabrator whose offer suits them best.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Details of the proposals which are under consideration are not revealed. However, details of all approved foreign collaborations, showing the names of Indian and foreign firms, item of manufacture and nature of collaboration are published by Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its monthly news letter. Copies of this publication are sent regularly to Parliament Library.